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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether few activist organisations have drawn the attention of the Government to a large number of cattle killing by landmines, destruction of crops or displacement of rural labourers from mine areas which is causing a lot of hardship to the residents of the border districts;

(b) whether the Government have not allowed any compensation to the affected villagers in the border areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any survey to assess the damage caused due to land mining;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of remedial steps being taken by the Government to compensate the farmers especially in the wake of prevailing drought conditions in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): Compensation to farmers in border areas is being paid through the State Governments. The State Governments of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan have carried out surveys along with the Army authorities and assessed the damage that has occurred to crops during defensive preparation and movements of the Armed Forces in the border areas. Based on the recommendations, ex-gratia compensation is being released to the State Governments for relief to the people/farmers in the affected areas. Total amount paid/being paid to the State Governments for compensation for occupation of land and building by the Army during the period of mobilization comes to approximately Rs. 300 crore.